

**Subject:** LA County's pursuit of ongoing dedicated revenue to combat homelessness

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Dear Partner,

On Tuesday, May 17, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to seek state legislation to grant counties the authority to seek voter approval to impose a special tax on personal income above \$1 million annually to combat homelessness.

The homeless crisis in Los Angeles County has been worsening. The 2016 Homeless Count indicated that the overall number of homeless people in Los Angeles County increased to 46,874 in 2016, which is 6% more than in 2015 and 19% more than in 2013.

Ongoing dedicated revenue is critical to effectively addressing the homeless crisis.

Community members have played a critical role in the Homeless Initiative since it was launched in August 2015. We encourage you to visit the Homeless Initiative website (<http://priorities.lacounty.gov/homeless/>) regularly over the coming days to keep abreast of the latest developments and advocacy opportunities. Thank you.

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